

THE
L A W S
OF THE
MARKET.



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The L A W S of the M A R K E T.

First, in all the Markets of this City, no Victual shall be sold, but by the Price set by the Mayo^r of this City.

2 No man shall fore-stall any Victual coming to the Market, as for to buy in any Inn or other private place, or yet coming to the Market, whether it be found in the hands of the Buier or of the Seller, under pain of forfeiture of the same: and no Inn-holder shall suffer any
A 3 thing

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thing to be sold in his house, upon pain of forfeiture of xl. s.

3 No man shall regrate any Victual which is in the Market, or buy any Victual to ingrate in the Market, so that the Commons can or may have any part of such Victual, as in especial such as be known for Hucksters, or other people occupying their Living by such Victual as they would so ingross, under pain of forfeiture of such Victual so regrated. Provided alwaies, that any Steward for any noble Feast may buy or ingrate such Victual as is convenient for the same Feast.

4 No Butter shall be sold but according to the weight for the time of the year allowed.

5 No Poulters shall deceivably occupy the Market, to sell any stale Victual, or such as be Poulters of this City, for to stand in strange cloathing

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cloathing so to doe, under pein of xl. s. and the forfeiture of such Victual.

6 No Hucksters shall stand or sit in the Market, but in the lower place and the ends of the Market, to the intent they may be perfectly known, and the Stranger-market-people have the preeminence of the Market, under pein of iij. s. iiij. d. if the Hucksters disobey the same.

7 No unwholesome or stale Victual shall be sold under pein of xl. s. and forfeiture of the same Victual.

The Statutes of the Streets of this City against Noyfances.

First, No man shall sweep the filth of the Street into the Chanell of the City in time of any
A 4 rain,

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rain, or at any other time, under
pein of vi. s. viij. d.

2 No man shall cast or lay in the
Streets Dogs, Cats, or other Car-
rion, or any noisome thing, con-
tagious of Air: nor no Inn-holder
shall lay out Dung out of his house,
but if the Cart be ready to carry the
same away incontinently, under
pein of xl. s.

3 No Brewer shall cast wilfully
Dreggs or Dregs of Ale or Beer
into the Chanell, under pein of
ij. s.

4 No man shall encumber the
Streets with Timber, Stones,
Carts, or such like, under pein of
seizure of the same thing that so
encumbereth the Streets, which is
twenty shillings Fine, if he remove
it not at the warning of the Ser-
geant of the Market.

5 Every Builder of Houses
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ought to come to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlein, for a special License for Hound of, by him to be made in the high Street, and no Builder to encumber the Streets with any manner of thing taken down for the preparing of his new Building, under pain of forty shillings, except he make a Hound of forty shillings.

6 No man shall set any Carts in the Streets by night-time, under the pain of xii. d. and recompence to such persons as shall be hurt thereby, if any such be, xii. d.

7 No Budge-man shall lead but two Horses, and he shall not let them go unled under pain of ij. s.

8 No man shall ride or drive his Car or Cart a-trot in the Street, but patiently, under pain of ij. s.

9 No man shall gallop his Horse in the Street, under pain of ij. s.

10 No

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10 No man shall shoot in the Street, for Wager or otherwise, under like pain of ij. s.

11 No man shall bowl or cast any stone in the Street, for Wager or gain, or such like; under pain of ij. s.

12 No man shall dig any hole in the Street for any matter, except he stop it up again, under pain of ij. s. and recompence to any person hurt thereby ij. s.

13 No man shall bury any Dung or Goung within the Liberties of this City, under pain of xl. s.

14 No Goung-farmer shall carry any Ordure till after ix of the clock in the night, under pain of thirtē shillings four pence.

15 No Goung-farmer shall spill any Ordure in the Street, under pain of xiii. s. iiii. d.

16 No man shall bait any Bull, Bear,

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Bear, or Horse, in the open Street, under pain of xx. s.

17 No man shall have any Kine, Goats, Hogs, Pigs, Hens, Cocks, Capons, or Ducks, in the open Street, under pain of forfeiting them.

18 No man shall maintain any biting Currs, or mad Dogs, in the Streets, under pain of ij. s. and recompence to every party hurt therewith ij. s.

19 No Carts that shall be shod with Spig-nail, that shall come upon the Streets of this City, under pain of iij. s. iiij. d.

20 No Carts using daily Carriage within this City, nor Car, shall have Wheels shod with any Iron, but bare, under pain of vi. s.

21 No man shall burn any Straw, Rushes, or other thing, Linnen or Woollen, in the Streets
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by night or by day, under pain of
iii. s. iiij. d.

22 No man shall blow any Horn
in the night within this City, or
whistle after the hour of nine of the
clock in the night, under pain of
Imprisonment.

23 No man shall use to go with
Wizards or disguised by night, un-
der like pain of Imprisonment.

24 Hade that Night-walkers
and Evel-droppers endure like pu-
nishment.

25 No Hammer-man, as a
Smith, a Pewterer, a Founder, and
all Artificers making great sound,
shall work after the hour of nine in
the night, nor afore the hour of
four in the morning, under pain of
iii. s. iiij. d.

26 No man shall cast into the
Ditches of this City, or the Sew-
ers of this City, without the
Walls,

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Walls, or into the Walls, Gates, or Gullets of this City, any manner of Carrion, stinking Flesh, rotten Fish, or any Rubbish, Dung, Sand, Gravel, Weeds, Stones, or any other thing, to stop the Course of the same, under pain of cleansing thereof, at his own cost and charge, under pain of Imprisonment.

27 No man shall make any Drawts in any of the Town-ditches, or the Town-gullets, under the pain of xx. s.

28 No man shall Build nigh the Walls of the City, without license of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlein, under pain of throwing down the same; and no license may be granted, except that the Chamberlein freely at all times have convenient and needfull ingress and entry, out-going and clear recourse.

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29 No man shall go in the Streets by night or by day with Bow bent, or Arrows under his girdle, nor with Sword unsheathed, under pain of Imprisonment; or with Hand-gun, having therewith Powder and Match: except it be in an usual Bay-game or Sight.

30 No man shall after the hour of nine at the night keep any Rile whereby any such sudden Out-cry be made in the still of the Night, as making any Affray, or beating his Wife, or Servant, or Singing or Revelling in his house, to the disturbance of his Neighbours, under pain of iij. s. iiii. d.

31 No man shall make any Affray upon any Officer, which with good demeanour doth his Message by commandment of the Lord Mayor, or any Alderman, or Master Sheriffs, or Master Chamberlein,

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berlein, or mis-behave himself in any Railing upon any Judge of this City, or their Officers, which by commandment are sent to bring any breaker of this Law and Custom to Ward, or to Distress, or such like, upon pain of Imprisonment of forty days, and forfeiture of the double penalty, for the Offences assaessing. Railing upon any Alderman or Mayor in his Office, is judgement of the Pillorie: Railing upon Master Chamberlein in his Office, forty days imprisonment: Beating, Threatning, and Railing on an Officer is Imprisonment, after as the Trespass is.

32 Memorandum, That every Offence found in this City, it is accustomed that the Officer, a Freeman finding it, which is called Primus Inventor, hath half the Penalty by the grace of the Court.

33 Also

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33 Also any Freeman may find any Offence, but he hath no power to bring the party before any Judge of this City, without an Officer, except the party will come to his Answer by free will.

34 No man hath power to Arrest, Attach, or make Distress of any Goods forfeitable, or Offences, except a Constable or Serjeant of the Peace.

35 No Butcher or his Servant shall use to drive any Ore or Oren a-trot in the Streets, but peaceably: and if any Ore happen to be let go, when he is prepared to Slaughter, the Butcher shall forfeit ij. s. besides recompence, if any person be hurt thereby.

36 No Butcher shall scald Hogs, but in the common Scalding-house, upon pain of vi. s. viij. d.

37 No Butcher shall sell any mea-
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sel Hog, or unwholsom Flesh, under
pein of x. li.

38 No Butcher shall sell any old
stale Victual, that is to say, above
the slaughter of threer days in the
Winter, and two in the Summer,
under pein of x. li.

39 None unreasonable Victual
for all manner of Victuals.

40 No Victualer of this City
shall give any rude or unfitting
language, or make any clamour up-
on any man or woman in the open
Market, for cheapring of Victual,
under pein of iij. s. iij. d.

41 No Butcher shall cast the In-
wards of Beasts into the Streets,
Cleaves of Beasts feet, Bones,
Horns of Sheep, or other such like,
under pein of ij. s.

42 The Pudding-cart of the
Shambles shall not go afore the
hour of nine in the night, or after

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the hour of five in the morning, under pain of vi. s. viii. d.

43 No man shall cast any Urine-boles or Ordure-boles into the Streets by day or night, afore the hour of nine in the night: and also he shall not cast it out, but bring it down, and lay it in the Chanell, under the pain of iij. s. iiij. d. And if he do cast it upon any persons head, the party to have a lawfull Recompence, if he have hurt thereby.

44 No man shall hurt, cut or destroy any Pipes, Selperalls, or Wind-vents, pertaining to the Conduit, under pain of Imprisonment, and making satisfaction, though he doth it out of the City, if he may be taken within the City.

45 No man within this City may make any Quill, and break any Pipe of the Conduit, coming through

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through his house or nigh his ground, under pain of the Pillory, or take any Water privily unto his house.

46 Casting any corrupt thing, appoisoning the water, is Loughary and Felony.

47 Whosoever destroy or perish any Cocks of the Conduit must have Imprisonment, and make satisfaction.

Old Laws and Customes of
this City.

48 **N**O man shall set up Shop, or occupy as a Free-man, afore he be sworn in the Chamber of London, and admitted by the Chamberlein, under pain of

49 No man shall set over his Apprentice

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prentice to any other person, but by license of Master Chamberlein, & there to be set over, under pain of

50 No man which is a Foreigner shall buy or sell within the Liberties of this City with another Foreigner, under pain of forfeiture of the Goods so foreign bought and sold.

51 No Free-man shall be disobedient for to come, at Master Chamberlein's commandment, to any Summons to him given by any Officer of the Chamber, under pain of Imprisonment.

52 Master Chamberlein hath power to send a Free-man to Ward, so that he incontinently after send to the Lord Mayor the cause why that he is punished, so that the Lord Mayor release him not, but by the Chamberlein's assent: and if he be a great Commoner, and disobeying

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belonging to the Chamberleyn, Master Chamberleyn may referre it to a Court of Aldermen.

Master Chamberleyn hath authority for to send or command any Apprentice to the Compter for their Offences: and if their Offences be great, as in defiling their Masters houses by vicious living, or offending his Master by Theft, or Dislander, or such like, then to command him to Newgate.

Apprentice Enrolled, his Master payeth ij. s. vi.

Apprentice Set over, he that receiveth ij. s.

Apprentice made Frer, he payeth four shillings.

Apprentice never Enrolled, and made Frer, his Master payeth xij s. ij. d.

A man made Frer by his Father's Copy payeth xvij. d.

A Pro-

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A Proclamation made in the time
of the Mayoralty of Sir Michael
Dormer Knight.

An Act of Common Council
made in the Town of S. Michael
Anno Regis Henrici octavi xxx.
That no person should lay any
Wares in the Street, or beyond the
edge of their Stall, upon pain
forfeiture the first time vi. s. viij.
the second time xij. s. iij. d. and
the third time the Ware so laid.

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